The Faculty Senate of Southeast Missouri State University met on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 in the Missouriana/Redhawks Room. The following Senators were present: Rick Althaus, Jennifer Bengston, Carl Bloom, Larry Bohannon, Eric Clements, Martha Cook, Kevin Dickson, Kathy Ham, Joni Hand, Shelby Hicks, Roberta Humphrey, Don Jung, Jocelyn Martin, Belinda McMurry, Melissa Odegard-Koester, Peter Oman, Jian Peng, David Powel, Willie Redmond, Claudia Ruediger, Tim Schmidt, Larry Underberg, Carol Veneziano, Julie Weathers, Bart Williams, and Diane Wood. Provost Kunkel was also present. The following alternate was present: Marcus Bond. Senators not present or represented by an alternative were: Tom Holman, Ziping Liu, and Nicolas Wilkins.

Dr. Judy Wiles, Chair of the Department of Management and Marketing; Dr. Hamner Hill, Chair of the Department of Political Science, Philosophy, and Religion; Dr. Susan Kendrick, Chair of the Department of English; Dr. Toni Alexander, Chair of the Department of Global Cultures and Languages; and Dr. Leslee Pollina, Chair of the Department of Psychology were present as guests.

Approval of Minutes
The minute for February 10, 2016 (50.11) were approved.

Guests
Dr. Judy Wiles, moderator of Chairpersons’ forum, and several other Chairs joined the Faculty Senate meeting to discuss current bills the Senate is considering. They had a discussion about the section of Academic Departments Procedures in the Faculty Handbook. The Senate and Chairs pledged to improve their communication with each other. Senate were reminded to seek suggestions from the Chairs on bills that involve their roles.

New Business
Senator Humphrey introduced Bill 16-A-XX Teaching Policies on Examination and Grade Policy. She explained what changes the committee agreed on. Discussion took place. She will bring the bill to the next meeting for approval.

Old Business
Senator Powell moved to approve Bill 16-A-XX Information Technology Policy. Senator Dickson seconded. Senator Powell also moved to approve Bill 16-A-XX Information Technology Procedures. Senator Schmidt seconded. He informed the Senate what changes were made to each bill, with most being suggestions from the Senate. A vote was taken and both Bill 16-A-5 Information Technology Policy and Bill 16-A-6 Information Technology Procedures were approved.

Reports
Chair Bloom reported that during Admin Council, Michelle Tapp will be preparing a survey for students about advising. He stated that he will ask Michelle to join a Senate
meeting to discuss the survey and how it will effect faculty advising. The Chair also reported that student government will be giving a student award for tenure track faculty and they are accepting nominations.
Chair-Elect Redmond thanked the Art Department for their donations for the Faculty Social Hour that was held on February 19 at Catapult. He stated that there was a great turnout.

Provost Kunkel formally introduced himself to the Senate. He stated how happy he is to be the new Provost of Southeast Missouri State University and he is trying to catch on and learn as much as possible. The Provost answered a few questions the Senators had.

Legislative Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Senator Humphrey reported the committee has been working on the bill that was presented today. They continue to work on a draft for Academic Honesty policy and procedures.
Compensation – Senator Oman reported that the committee met the previous week. The current information they have about budget is that the House subcommittee recommended a 2% increase. This is the vast majority of the increase. The committee discussed what to do under this spread and decided on a 0.7% increase. He stated that they will meet with President Vargas next week to discuss salary. Also, they did meet with Chairs forum to discuss the Chair compensation issue.
Documents – Senator Powell reported that the committee has working on the bills that were passed today. He also stated that they have finished everything on their agenda for the year.
Governance – Senator Veneziano reported the committee has continued to work on bills that have been charged to them. They are starting to look at the section of the Faculty Handbook dealing with the Provost.
Professional Affairs – Senator Althaus reported that the committee met the previous Wednesday. They approved a schedule for the public forums to discuss “conflict of interest.” He stated that the times and locations were publicized in the February 23 “Newswire.” The committee also discussed certain aspects of the Tenure and Promotion Policy, in response to two inquiries received from one of the college Tenure and Promotion committees. The committee continues to discuss the Online Course Ownership policy and hope to have draft bills for policy and procedure for this section. Senator Althaus stated that he continues to meet with Vice-Provost McAllister in order to develop bills to revise the “Research Involving Human Subjects” section of the Faculty Handbook to comply with Federal regulations.
Membership – Senator Schmidt reported that he has received the first list of committee positions to be filled. He also stated that the Student Evaluation Committee has been filled and they are currently investigating what evaluations are available.

Adjournment

Senate Schmidt moved to adjourn. Senator Jung seconded. The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on March 9, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the UC Missouriana/Redhawks Room.